

## Request for Council Action

Originator Human Services	Item <b>Approval to become a Commemorative Partner for the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War</b>
Agenda Section Consent Business	Date 9/12/2016

### Description

The City Council is requested to become a Commemorative Partner for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The City received an invitation to become a Commemorative Partner by the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, U.S. Department of Defense. Enclosed you will find the application and statement of understanding, which has been approved by the Legal Department. In addition, Mayor Gene Winstead is requested to serve as an honorary chairperson of this partnership. The Commemorative Partnership will require a three (3) year commitment with a minimum of two (2) events honoring Vietnam Veterans to be held each year from 2016 – 2018.

The Human Services Division has recognized Veterans annually since 2008 with a photo wall, recognition breakfast or lunch, historical presentations and VA benefit workshops. Human Services Program Coordinators are working with residents and organizations who have committed to serving as members of this commemorative partnership. Committee members include representatives from the American Legion, VFW, Bloomington Historical Society, Martin Luther Campus, Northwestern Health Sciences University and residents who are Vietnam Veterans. Additional interested community members and organizations are welcome to serve on this committee.

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### Requested Action

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### Attachments:

Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Program Application

Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partner Statement of Understanding